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1. Railroads in the USSR were under the Ministry of Railways. Until 1945 railroad workers and officials wore civilian clothes. After World War II all officials and employees of the Ministry of Railways received a navy-blue winter uniform with navy-blue shoulderboards. All high officials, firemen, engineers, male and female conductors, and ticket-sellers wore a uniform. In the summer they wore white blouses with white caps and white shoulderboards.
2. Ranks and grades of railroad personnel were comparable to Soviet military ranks and grades. Railroad personnel also wore shoulderboard insignia which denoted their type of work. Administrative personnel wore the hammer and sickle; construction personnel were identified by a bridge insignia, traffic movement by a locomotive, freight car, or derrick. Army personnel did not salute railroad officials, regardless of rank.
3. The Soviet Army operated only special trains which hauled military equipment, such as heavy guns, tanks, ammunition, and supplies. The army had its own rail repair and construction units. Source saw no army railroad engineers or firemen dressed in army uniforms with railroad insignia. They wore leather overalls or aprons to protect their uniforms when engaged in dirty work.

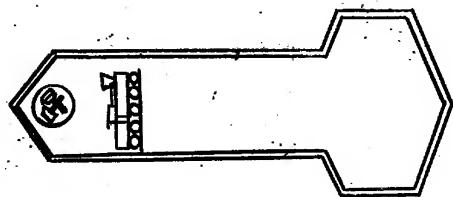
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Shoulderboards and Rank Insignia
of Soviet Railroad Personnel

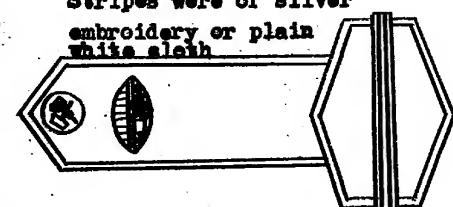


Rank

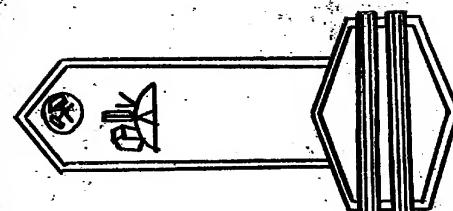
Worker
(Pvt)

Branch

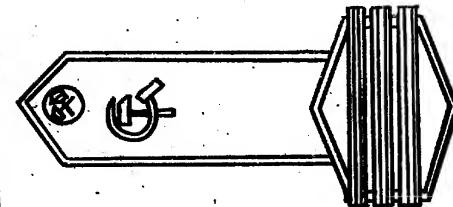
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Brigadier
(PTC)

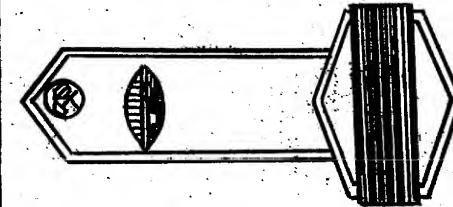
Road Construction

Sr. Brigadier
(Cpl)

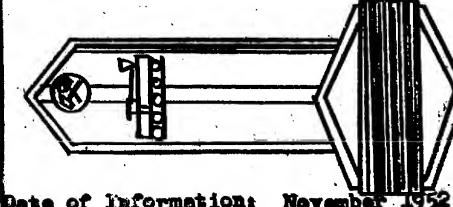
Traffic Movement

Technician
(sgt)

Administration

Technician
2d Class
(Sr. Sgt)

Road Construction

Technician
1st Class
(M/Sgt)

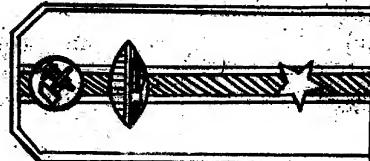
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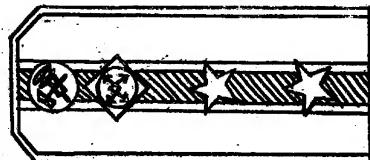
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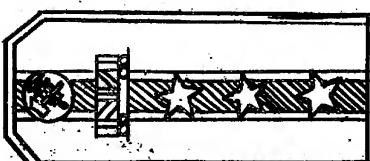
Rank
Technician Lt.
(Sr. Lt.)

Branch
Road Construction



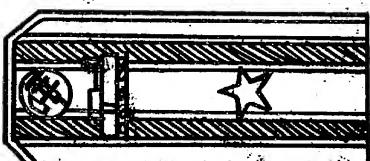
Engineer Lt.
(Sr. Lt.)

Signal
Communication



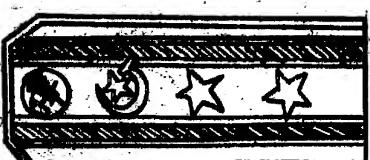
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(Dept.)

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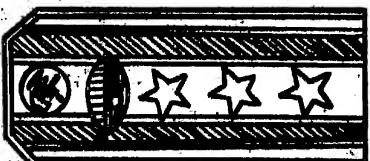
Engineer Maj.
(Maj.)

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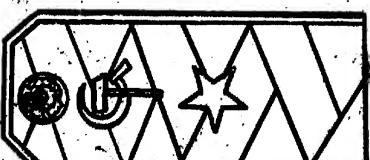
Director Lt. Col.
(Lt. Col.)

Administration



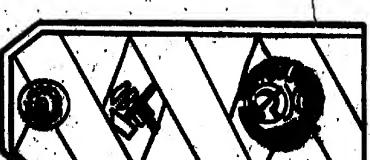
Director Col.
(Col.)

Road Construction



Gen. Director
2d Class
(US Brig. Gen.)

Administration



Gen. Director
1st Class
(US Lt. Gen.)

Railways

Gen. Director, 2d Class (US Maj. Gen) had 2 stars,
Gen. Director, 1st Class (US Lt. Gen) had 3 stars.

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